

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for holding and mixing paint containers ~~a first container of paint having a first volume and a second container of paint having a second volume less than the first volume~~, the system comprising:
a first container of paint having a first volume;
a second container of paint having a second volume less than the first volume;
a holder comprising a clamp having a plate configured to apply pressure to the first container;
a motor configured to move the holder about at least one axis; and
a platform configured for being removably placed within the holder and configured to support the second container from below the second container, wherein the plate applies pressure to the first and second container during a single mixing operation.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the holder is balanced for both the first container and the second container supported by the platform placed in the holder.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the platform is configured to support at least four second containers.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the platform includes a stop proximate an edge of the platform.
5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the platform is composed of a material selected from a group consisting of a metal, a polyester resin, and a resilient material.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the perimeter of the platform is less than the perimeter of the holder.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first container volume is one gallon (4 liters) and the second container volume is one quart (1 liter).

8.-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for holding and mixing paint containers a first container of paint having a first volume and a second container of paint having a second volume less than the first volume, the apparatus comprising:

a first container of paint having a first volume;

a second container of paint having a second volume less than the first volume;

a means for holding comprising a means for clamping to apply pressure to the first container;

a means for moving configured to move the means for holding about at least one axis; and

a means for adjusting height configured for being removably placed within the means for holding and configured to support the second container from below the second container, wherein the means for clamping applies pressure to the first and second container during a single mixing operation.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the means for holding is balanced for both the first container and the second container supported by the means for adjusting height placed in the means for holding.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the means for adjusting height can support at least four second containers.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the means for adjusting height includes a means for stopping.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the perimeter of the means for adjusting height is less than the perimeter of the means for holding.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the first container volume is one gallon (4 liters) and the second container volume is one quart (1 liter).

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for holding and mixing paint containers ~~first container of paint and a different size second container of paint~~, the apparatus comprising:

a first container of paint;

a different size second container of paint;

a holder comprising a clamp having a plate configured to apply pressure to the first and second containers;

a motor configured to move the holder about at least one axis; and

a platform configured for removable placement within the holder below the second container, wherein the second container is positioned to allow the plate to apply pressure to both containers during a single mixing operation.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the platform is configured to support at least four second containers.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the platform includes a stop proximate an edge of the platform.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the platform is composed of a material selected from a group consisting of a metal, a polyester resin, and a resilient material.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the perimeter of the platform is less than the perimeter of the holder.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the first container volume is one gallon (4 liters) and the second container volume is one quart (1 liter).

26. (New) An apparatus for supporting a paint container comprising:

a planar member; and

a plurality of legs coupled to the planar member;

wherein the length of the legs can adjust the height of the planer member above a surface of a paint mixing apparatus, and

wherein the apparatus is configured for removable placement below a container.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the surface is part of a paint mixing device.

28. (New) An apparatus for supporting a paint container comprising:
a member including an upper edge configured for removable placement below a container; and

a paint mixing apparatus including a surface configured to support the member and operatively move the member about at least one axis.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the member defines a stop at the upper edge of the member.